

plagiarism. There is no reason to suppose that the two lists were not prepared independently, and the Plymouth list must have been.

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THE NARROW-LEAVED VARIETY OF *SALIX PYRIFOLIA*.— In one of his discussions of *Salix balsamifera* Barratt, the late M. S. Bebb set off some leaf-extremes as varieties (Bull. Torr. Bot. Cl. xv. 124). With the exception of one, his var. *lanceolata*, they have not seemed to the writer worthy separate designation; but the var. *lanceolata* is found in some of the swamps of eastern Newfoundland to be so uniform and to occur in such extensive areas that it seems well worth recognition. But, unfortunately, the highly appropriate and long-used name, *S. balsamifera* Barratt, was published as a specific name merely in synonymy and was not validated as a specific name until 1879, when Bebb brought it forward (Bot. Gaz. iv. 190). In the meantime *S. pyrifolia* Andersson was properly published (Vet. Acad. Handl. Stockh. vi. no. 1, 162) in 1867 and as the first valid specific name must stand. The narrow-leaved shrub should, therefore, be called

*SALIX PYRIFOLIA* Anderss., var. ***lanceolata*** (Bebb) n. comb. *S. balsamifera*, var. *lanceolata* Bebb, Bull. Torr. Bot. Cl. xv. t. 81, fig. 7 (1888).— M. L. FERNALD, Gray Herbarium.

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